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French Open: Grand outcome for USA's Gauff

USA's Coco Gauff captured the women's singles title at the French Open with an impressive come-from-behind victory over World No 1 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in Paris on Saturday. This is the 21-year-old's maiden win at the Roland Garros and her second Grand Slam title in singles — her first was US Open in 2023. The final score read 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in Gauff's favour | **P11**

CLOSE CALL FOR SIX AFTER COPTER LANDS ON HIGHWAY

DEHRADUN: Five pilgrims and a pilot onboard a helicopter had a narrow escape when the aircraft on its way to Kedarnath made an emergency landing on the highway in Rudraprayag district on Saturday after developing a technical snag during take-off, officials said.

The pilot sustained minor injuries and was rushed to a hospital. Videos on social media showed the helicopter standing in the middle of the highway and with a car that was damaged by its tail rotor. **P8**

The private chopper coming to a halt on a highway in Rudraprayag | PTI

NO PARITY BETWEEN TERRORISTS AND VICTIMS, SAYS EAM

'PARTNERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND INDIA'S NO-TOLERANCE POLICY'

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA expects its global partners to fully respect its zero-tolerance policy on terrorism and will not accept any equivalence between perpetrators and victims, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday during talks with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

Jaishankar's remarks came amid unease in New Delhi over attempts by several countries to draw parallels between India and Pakistan following their military exchanges from May 7-10, after India targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and in Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

"We practise a policy of zero tolerance against terrorism and expect our partners to understand it, and we will never countenance perpetrators of evil being put at par with its victims," Jaishankar said, reinforcing India's stance against cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

Lammy arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit aimed at reviewing bilateral ties and advancing cooperation in trade, security, technology, and migration. He met Prime Minister Narendra Modi before holding extensive discussions with Jaishankar.

The UK, which had engaged both India and Pakistan last month, was among the countries that welcomed the May 10 understanding between the two neighbours. Lammy's visit to Islamabad on May 16 further highlighted Britain's active interest in regional diplomacy.

During the talks, Jaishankar expressed appreciation for the UK's condemnation of the "barbaric" terror attack in Pahalgam and its solidarity in the fight against terrorism. He also hailed the recently concluded India-UK Free Trade Agreement and the double contribution convention as "truly a milestone" in bilateral relations, with the potential to significantly boost trade, i nvestment, and broader strategic ties.

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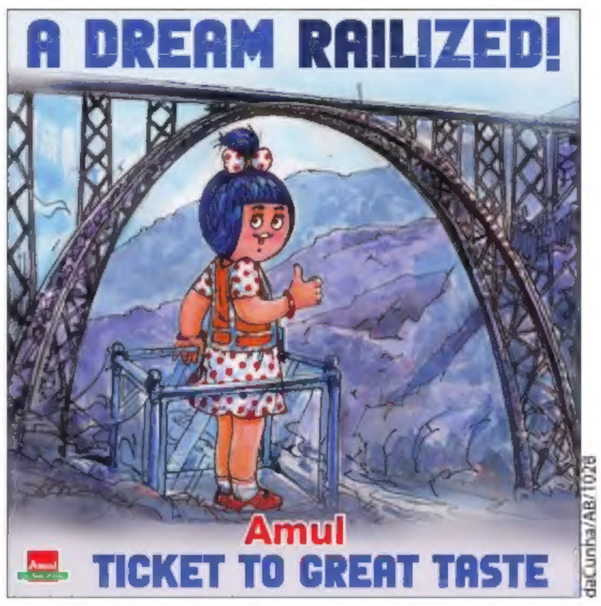

Two top office-bearers of KSCA resign

STADIUM stampede

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KARNATAKA State Cricket Association (KSCA) Secretary A Shankar and Treasurer ES Jairam have resigned from their posts, taking moral responsibility for the stampede at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday that led to the death of 11 people including 2 minors and injuries to over 55 people during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's victory celebration.

In a joint statement on Saturday, Shankar and Jairam said, "Due to the unforeseen and unfortunate events that have unfolded in the the last two days, and though our role was very limited but owing moral responsibility, we wish to state that last night we have tendered our resignations to our respective posts as the Secretary and Treasurer of the KSCA, through a letter dated June 6, to the president of KSCA."

Former India cricketer Raghuram Bhat is KSCA president. Bhat told the media, "There was an emergency meeting on Saturday and the resignations of Shankar and Jairam were accepted." Refusing to comment on the Chinnaswamy stampede, he said KSCA will extend full support to investigating agencies.

CID BEGINS STAMPEDE PROBE: P5

EXPRESS READ

Evasion won't protect ECI, says Rahul

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday hit back at the Election Commission after sources in the poll panel rejected allegation of rigging in the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly polls, saying evasion would not protect its credibility but telling the truth would | **P7**

Man severes wife's head, takes to cops

Bengaluru: A man arrived at a police station on the outskirts of Bengaluru with his wife's severed head around 12.40 am on Saturday. The accused told the cops that he beheaded his wife over her alleged extramarital affair | **P5**

55 villagers thrash 3 boys in Gadag

Gadag: Banahatti village of Naragund taluk has turned tense after villagers tied three boys to a flagpole and thrashed them for sending obscene messages to girls. One of the boys has been admitted to hospital and his condition is serious | **P5**

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